

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. A composite stud which provides for direct connection on both sides of a joist as well as providing direct support for the weight of the joist.
2. A means of indexing the height of the upper joist to obtain a predictable leveling of the upper joist to provide a uniform plane on which to lay a substrata which provides for lateral support of the building structure.
3. A means of integrating the basic vertical and horizontal elements of a frame construction which gives a rigidity to the entire structure including joists, studs, and rafters.
4. A means of construction and joining the various elements without the need for complex cutting of elements or continued measurement of those portions of construction which form the whole of the construction.